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THANK YOU MESSAGE



- **Who is this dog?**

The dog in the picture is my inspiration for this topic. She is a rescue dog herself and she's very dear to me. Her name is Nimet, because she is a blessing in my life. She has been through so many hardships but still is a very happy dog. Thus, I want to thank her for this topic and textbook.

In many textbooks, there are units dedicated to animals but we rarely see rescue animals and stray animals.

That is why I wanted to shed some light on this topic and raise awareness. Animals are our best friends and companions, we should treat them with respect and love. Our textbooks have the means and power to convey this message. That is what we expect from them.

Do we know these words?



1) Look at the pictures below and try to guess their meanings before reading the explanations. Then, read the texts and compare them to your answers.



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To adopt an animal means to take it into your home and take care of it. When people adopt a stray animal, they help by giving it a safe place to live, food to eat, and love. Adopting is an act of kindness and it helps reduce the number of animals on the streets. Many people adopt animals from shelters to rescue and protect stray or abandoned animals.



Owner

An owner is someone who takes responsibility for an animal. This means the owner gives the animal food, water, shelter, and love. Being an owner also means taking care of the animal's health by taking it to a veterinarian when it gets sick. A good owner treats their pet with respect and kindness, like a member of the family.

DISCUSSION

LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS!

- Work in pairs and discuss the given question below. Share your thoughts with your partner using phrases like...

- "I think stray animals are..."
- "One way to help stray animals is..."
- "I believe stray animals should..."
- "People mistreat animals because..."

1. Have you ever seen a stray animal? What kind of animal was it? How did you feel?
2. Why do you think some animals end up living on the streets?
3. What do you think life is like for a stray animal?
4. Have you or someone you know ever helped a stray animal? What did they do?
5. Do you think adopting stray animals is a good way of helping?
6. Why do you think some people mistreat animals? How can we prevent this?

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- 3) We should take good care of our pets by giving them food and love.
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- () Stray dogs are vaccinated and spayed/neutered.
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7) Read the text again and think about the questions below. Then, share your thoughts with the class.

- What does the new law tell local governments to do with stray dogs?
- What happens to the dogs in shelters?
- Why are some people worried about the law?




What Should We Do?

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Also, you should keep these questions in mind:

- What problems do stray animals face?
- How can people treat them?
- What do people do if they see a stray animal on the street?
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14) Work with a partner. Practice asking and answering questions about stray animals using should and need to.



You can use these sample questions to start your conversation:

- What should we do to help stray animals in the winter?
- What do you need to do if you see an injured animal?
- Do you think people should adopt stray animals? Why or why not?

My Ideas

My Friend's Ideas

15) Look at the pictures of this dog below. Have you ever seen this dog before? Think about where you might have seen her and what type of transformation she might have gone through.



Let's Read and Discuss!

16) She was the dog you saw on the "Thank You Message" part of this book. Now, read the story of Nimet and answer the questions below.

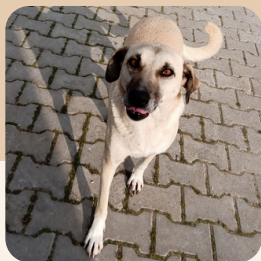
A Blessing : Nimet

This is my dog Nimet. She was a stray dog that was severely abused and hurt. When we first saw her in my grandmother's neighbourhood, she was very skinny and she was so scared. We later learned that she was beaten severely because a man did not want her to stay around his house. I saw the tag on her ear, indicating she was spayed and vaccinated. This tag later fell off but I have pictures of her with it! She was thin, scared and hungry but she was also too afraid to come near us to eat. Thus, we started to leave food for her but other dogs were coming before her and eat. Slowly, she started to trust us and became our rescue dog.

Even though I was the first person to pet her, I needed to act slow so that she would not get scared. After a while, she got used to most of us, but she still feared men whenever they got close. She was afraid of all men except for my father. He was not a fan of animals but he cared for her and she knew that.

Now, she is a happy not-so-little dog with a very loving family. As she got used to us, we gave her different homes. At first, it was a pillow to sleep on, then we opened a shack door for her to come in and sleep. Currently, she has her own two-room shed with a huge garden. I even cleaned it and made it cozy for her to sleep during winter.

Thus, you see that even a small act of kindness can lead to a big change in an animal's life. Nimet went from an injured stray dog to a family member for us.



One of the earliest pictures of her where she is thin and weak.



The most recent picture with her collar, which she was afraid of at first. She is now happy with her collar and knows that it is just an accessory for her.

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17) Look at the questions and read the story again. Then, answer the questions according to the text.

- What was Nimet's condition when she was first found?
- How did Nimet become familiar with the family?
- What was the first “home” Nimet had when she was rescued?
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18) Reflect on the story of Nimet and the broader concepts of animal rescue, welfare, and responsibility. Consider these discussion points and answer them as a group or pair after through brainstorming and thinking about all the texts you have read, the audio you have listened and your real life experiences.

Animal Welfare and Human Responsibility

- Nimet’s story highlights the severe abuse some animals face before they find care.
What do you think society’s responsibility is towards stray or abused animals?
Should more laws be enacted to protect animals from abuse, or is it enough to have organizations like animal shelters and rescue groups?
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- Nimet's transformation from an abused stray to a happy family member reflects the emotional recovery that animals can undergo. How do you think rescuing an animal affects the human rescuers? What emotional and psychological benefits might people gain from caring for a rescued animal?
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- The author's small acts of kindness towards Nimet—feeding her and creating a safe space—led to a huge change in her life. What other small acts of kindness can you think of that have the potential to make a big difference in someone's life, human or animal?
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19) Imagine you are Nimet, a rescued stray dog. Write a short story or a diary entry from Nimet's perspective, describing a typical day in her life from the moment she wakes up to when she goes to sleep. Think about how she might feel, the sights, sounds, and experiences she has as she adjusts to her life.

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- The changes she's gone through as she learns to trust and enjoy life in her new home.
- Details about her cozy two-room shed and the garden she enjoys.
- Any encounters with other animals, especially dogs, and how she feels about them.



HOW CAN WE HELP?



CRITICAL ELT MATERIALS



Provide food and water.

01

Unfortunately, stray animals often struggle to find enough food and water. Providing clean water and fresh foods for them can make a big change!



Support and volunteer at animal shelters.

02

Stray animals are rescued, cared for, and adopted into new homes by animal shelters. Donating supplies, giving your time, or even fostering animals until they find forever homes are all ways you can help.



Raise awareness.

03

Inform people about the difficulties stray animals encounter and encourage adoption instead of buying pets. In the long run, reducing the number of stray animals can also be achieved through planning or taking part in community events, such as campaigns and projects.



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1. Have you ever seen a stray animal? What kind of animal was it? How did you feel?
a. *Yes, I have. I saw a cat. I felt sad because it was cold.*
2. Why do you think some animals end up living on the streets?
a. *I think stray animals end up living on the streets because some people do not think about the challenges of adopting animals before they adopt them, so they leave the animals on the streets.*
3. What do you think life is like for a stray animal?
a. *I think life is hard for stray animals because they do not have food and safe shelter.*
4. Have you or someone you know ever helped a stray animal? What did they do?
a. *One of my friends adopted a cat that followed her on the street. They took the cat to the vet to get a general check up, and then took the cat in and they have been living with the cat for 3 years now.*
5. Do you think adopting stray animals is a good way of helping?
a. *Adopting stray animals is a good way of helping but stray animals should be provided with sufficient food, a safe place to live and sufficient love and care. People should be aware of this for adoption to be beneficial for the animals.*
6. Why do you think some people mistreat animals? How can we prevent this?
a. *Some people mistreat stray animals because they lack empathy and do not consider the animals as living beings. One way to help stray animals and prevent mistreatment is to raise awareness through short films, advertisements and campaigns.*



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 - What does the new law tell local governments to do with stray dogs?

They tell them to collect the dogs in shelters to get them vaccinated and spayed/neutered before making them available for adoption

 - What happens to the dogs in shelters?

They get vaccinated and spayed/ neutered

 - Why are some people worried about the law?

They fear it will lead to many of the dogs being killed or ending up in neglected, overcrowded shelters.

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She is a rescue dog so she is mixed breed

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No, she was saved when she was crossing the road

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No, she wasn't. Her leg was broken

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Sample Answer:

Stray animals face problems like hunger, cold and mistreatment by other people. People should treat street animals with respect. They shouldn't just ignore the animals. Also, they shouldn't mistreat them. When I see stray animals I share my food with them, and I think everyone should do this.

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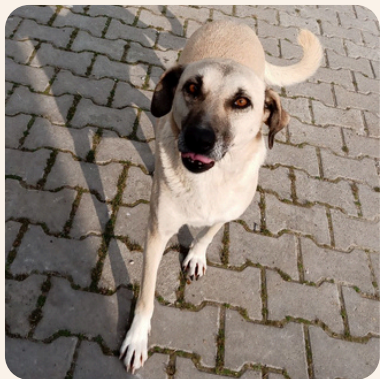
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- What was Nimet's condition when she was first found?
 - Nimet was severely abused and hurt. She was very skinny and scared.
- How did Nimet become familiar with the family?
 - The family left food for Nimet. The author pet Nimet and acted slowly. The author's father also provided care for Nimet.
- What was the first "home" Nimet had when she was rescued?
 - The first home Nimet had was a pillow.
- Why do you think Nimet fear men?
 - I think Nimet feared men because she was abused by men before.
- What changes were made to Nimet's living situation as she became part of the family?
 - Nimet started by sleeping on a pillow, then a shack and now she has a two-room shed with a garden.
- What lesson can we learn from Nimet's story?
 - *Sample answer: Nimet's story shows us that stray animals face many challenges like abuse and hunger. However, it shows that it is possible to save stray animals by providing shelter, food and most importantly a loving home and family.*

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